

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC MONTROSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER
13333 Long Green PikeCITY, TOWN
Baldwin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2STATE
MarylandCOUNTY
Baltimore**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME John T. Vance IIITelephone #: (301) 592-2970STREET & NUMBER
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VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21013**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County CourthouseLiber #: 5354Folio #: 445STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley AvenueCITY, TOWN
TowsonSTATE
Maryland 21204**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE Baltimore County Historic Sites Survey BA 1392

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Baltimore County Office of Planning and ZoningCITY, TOWN
TowsonSTATE
Maryland 21204

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

MONTROSE is a large two-story frame house in the bracketed Italianate villa style dating from 1855. Situated atop a hill overlooking the valley with its family lands, the site retains many specimen trees and other plantings associated with the period of its construction; some predate the present dwelling.

The principal front of the house is to the west; centered on that facade and containing the principal entrance is a three-story tower surmounted by a two-story lantern. Porches extend north and south from the tower, turning around the southwest corner and extending an equal distance beyond the northwest corner, meeting a north wing which extends the original architectural design and which was probably added very shortly after the initial construction. A rear or east wing contains the kitchen and other service areas, externally an extension of the same bracketed style.

A large entrance foyer is within the tower; a narrow stair hall extends through the central block of the house, a large parlor to its south, a library and dining room to its north; north of the library is the north wing, the billard room. These principal spaces retain original detailing including doors, hardware, architrave trim, the massive staircase details, marble mantels, and plaster cornices and ceiling medallions. The second story plan is similar and the detailing is similar but simpler, as expected. A tight staircase extends from the second story to the top or fifth story of the tower.

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Immediately east of the kitchen wing is a double out-building containing, among other offices, the smoke house. North-east of the house is a group of frame barns, stables and graineries.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

MONTROSE is an outstanding example of the bracketed Italianate villa style of the mid nineteenth century, undoubtedly the work of an architect, as yet unidentified. Probably the only nineteenth century house in this Historic District which could be attributed to an architect, it is virtually unaltered. It retains several of the many ancillary buildings which were required to support rural life in the past. The hilltop location of the house is as would be anticipated for a country villa of the period. Specimen plantings of the type associated with the second half of the nineteenth century remain, and some predate the house.

MONTROSE was built in 1855 (additions 1857) on the land of Sarah C. Jenkins, who had married her cousin Edward F. Jenkins. It remained in the Jenkins family until 1908.

Sarah was the daughter of Josias and Elizabeth Jenkins, who occupied the Jenkins homestead on the west side of Long Green Pike, then the western branch of the Harford Turnpike. The Jenkins property in the nineteenth century consisted of some 488 acres of Jenkins Purchase (1773), with parts of Brown's Farm, James' Chance, Baker's Pleasure, and later Elizabeth's Safeguard. Sarah Jenkins bought 169 acres from her mother for \$2000. Montrose was built at a cost of \$30,000. In

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 23.01

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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the same year, 1855, Sarah and Edward Jenkins donated two acres, on behalf of the Jenkins family, for St. John's R.C. Church, immediately south of MONTROSE on the east side of the Pike. Sarah's sister Ellen and her husband P.T. George built ELLENDALE (BA 1387). A third house, Hillendale (built by another sister Ann Jenkins, married her cousin Mark Jenkins) is now vanished; it stood east of St. John's. All three houses, as well as the Jenkins homestead, can be seen on the 1877 Hopkins map.

In its heyday, MONTROSE, which boasted a private oratory, was often visited by members of the Catholic clergy, including Archbishop John L. Spalding. It is said to be the first house in the county with indoor plumbing. There were two fountains, a pheasant and deer yard, black swan, prize pigeons, and game birds. Relics of original plantings can be seen today, and a champion-candidate ginkgo tree stands on the front lawn (95' high, 15'4" at breast height, estimated 263 years).

The house is an important example of an elaborate Italianate villa and also significant as the former property of a family prominent from Colonial times in Long Green Valley and in Baltimore.

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